IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1, numbered line 9, after "...-Ile $_{96}$ " insert ---(of SEQ ID NO:3)---.

Rewrite claim 8 in amended form as follows:

8 (Amended). A peptide according to claim 1

selected from the group of sequences consisting of:

Val-Thr-Val-Ala-Pro-Val-His-Ile (residues 89-96 of

SEQ ID NO:3)

Val-Thr-Val-Ala-Pro-Val-(D) His-Ile

Val-Thr-Val-Ala-Pro-(D)Val-His-Ile

Val-Thr-Val-Ala-Pro-(D) Val-(D) His-Ile

Val-Thr-Val-Ala-Pro-Val-Ser-Ile (SEQ ID NO:8)

Val-Thr-Val-Ala-Pro-Val-Phe-Ile (SEQ ID NO:9)

Val-Thr-Val-Ala-Pro-Val-His-Ile-NH2 (SEQ ID NO:13)

Val-Thr-Val-Ala-Pro-Val-His-Ile-Pro-NH2 (SEQ ID

NO:10)

Val-Thr-Val-Ala-Pro-Phe-His-Ile-Pro-NH2 (SEQ ID

NO:11)

Val-Thr-Val-Ala-Pro-Val-His-Ile-Pro-Pro-NH2 (SEQ ID

NO: 12)

MeOSuc-Val-Thr-Val-Ala-Pro-Val-His-Ile (SEQ ID

NO:13)

MeOSuc-Phe-Val-Thr-Val-Ala-Pro-Val-His-Ile (SEQ ID

NO:14)

Octanoyl-Val-Thr-Val-Ala-Pro-Val-His-Ile (SEQ ID

NO:13)